ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. To "gather in" means to _____.
✔ **A) collect**
To **gather in** means to **collect** things and bring them together, e.g. **The farmers gathered in the harvest.**

2. The "gift of the gab" means you are _____.
✔ **C) skilled in talking**
Someone with **the gift of the gab** can talk easily and persuasively, e.g. **She could sell anything; she has the gift of the gab.**

3. To "gloss over" means to _____.
✔ **C) try to hide**
To **gloss over** a problem is to treat it as unimportant and avoid talking about it, so people don't notice it, e.g. **The report glossed over the company's losses.**

4. "To go like clockwork" means to _____.
✔ **A) run smoothly**
If something **goes like clockwork**, it happens exactly as planned, with no problems, like a well-made clock, e.g. **The wedding went like clockwork.**

5. A "golf widow" is a woman who is _____.
✔ **A) left at home when her husband plays golf**
A **golf widow** is a humorous name for a wife who is often alone because her husband spends so much time playing golf.

6. To "grin and bear it" means to _____.
✔ **A) put up with something**
To **grin and bear it** means to accept something unpleasant without complaining, e.g. **I hate the long commute, but I just have to grin and bear it.**

7. "To gun for" means to _____.
✔ **C) try to hurt**
If you are **gunning for** someone, you are trying to harm them or cause trouble for them, e.g. **The new manager is gunning for me.** Not **try to stop**: the idea is attacking a person, not stopping an action.

8. If someone is "gung ho", they are _____.
✔ **C) enthusiastic**
Someone who is **gung ho** is very **enthusiastic** and eager, sometimes too eager, e.g. **He was gung ho about the new project.**

9. "Great guns" means _____.
✔ **C) fast and hard**
Great guns (usually **go great guns**) means doing something very quickly, with a lot of energy and success, e.g. **The business is going great guns.**

10. If something is "half-baked", it's _____.
✔ **B) incomplete**
A **half-baked** idea or plan is **incomplete** and not properly thought out, like bread taken out of the oven too early, e.g. **a half-baked scheme**.

11. To "hail from" means to _____.
✔ **B) come from**
To **hail from** a place means to **come from** it or be born there, e.g. **She hails from Scotland.**

12. To "hand it to" means to _____.
✔ **A) give credit to**
I have to hand it to you means you admire someone and **give them credit** for what they did, e.g. **You have to hand it to her – she worked really hard.**

13. To "hang your head" means to _____.
✔ **A) feel ashamed**
When you **hang your head**, you look down because you **feel ashamed** or embarrassed, e.g. **He hung his head when the teacher found his mistake.**

14. "No hard feelings" means the same as _____.
✔ **A) don't worry**
No hard feelings means "I'm not angry with you" or "don't worry, it's OK", often said after an argument or a defeat, e.g. **You won fair and square – no hard feelings.**

15. If your "heart goes out to someone", you _____.
✔ **B) feel sorry for them**
If your **heart goes out to** someone, you **feel sorry for them** and share their sadness, e.g. **My heart goes out to the families who lost their homes.**

16. If you get a "head start", you _____.
✔ **C) begin before the others**
A **head start** is an advantage you get by **beginning before the others**, e.g. **Learning to read early gave her a head start at school.**

17. If something is "heavy-duty", it _____.
✔ **B) is tough and powerful**
Heavy-duty things are strong and **tough**, made for hard work, e.g. **heavy-duty boots**. Not **weighs a lot**: the word is about strength, not weight.

18. To "hook up with" means to _____.
✔ **C) connect**
To **hook up with** someone or something means to **connect** or meet up with them, e.g. **We hooked up with some friends in town.**

19. If it's "hush-hush", it's _____.
✓ **B) secret**
Something **hush-hush** is **secret** and must not be talked about, e.g. **The plans are very hush-hush.**

20. If you are "in the family way", you are _____.
✓ **C) pregnant**
In the family way is an old-fashioned, polite way of saying a woman is **pregnant**, i.e. expecting a baby.

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